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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT SURVEY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training has conducted a learning achievement survey in the country ;

(b) if so, the main findings of the survey;

(c) whether about thirty-one per cent of class five students do not know vocabulary; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)and(b): The National Council of Educational Research and Training has conducted a learning achievement survey at Class-V,in 33 States and Union Territories covering 6828 schools and 84332 students,in 2006-07.The survey has indicated a mean achievement score of 60.31% in Language,48.46 % in Mathematics and 52.19% in Environmental Studies.

(c): The language test in the survey contained 40 questions on various competencies,of which 5 were on vocabulary. 68.71% children could answer these questions correctly.

(d): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, several activities have been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education.This includes recruitment of 8.32 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio,in-service training of teachers for a period of 20 days every year,free distribution of textbooks for primary and upper primary classes to about 6.5 crore Scheduled Caste,Scheduled Tribe and girl students,academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 6395 Block Resource Centres and 68352 Cluster Resource Centres and regular evaluation of students.